

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the application, as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the flange extends from the container pouch toward and encompassing the mounting holes. Support for this amendment can be found in specification paragraphs 22-24 and in Figs. 1-3. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this amendment to claim 1.

The above-described amendments were made as a result of a telephone interview conducted on June 15, 2005 with the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. The Undersigned and the Examiner briefly discussed the below-described rejection of claim 1 and amendments to claim 1 that may overcome the rejection. The amendment to claim 1 is the result of an explanation by the Examiner of the rejection. The Undersigned and Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview.

CLAIMS

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner argues that claim 1 fails to recite sufficient structure or elements and interconnection of the elements to positively position and define the container assembly having a flange, mounting holes and pouch so that an integral structure able to function as claimed is recited. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Referring to Figs 1-3, the present application is directed to a collapsible table 10 including a frame 20 formed from a plurality of pivotally connected frame members 30. The frame 20 is movable between an expanded configuration (Fig. 1) and a collapsed configuration (Fig. 3). A table top 100 is connected to the frame 20 and includes at least one drink holder 120. A container assembly 200 has a flanged portion 210 provided with mounting holes 212 and a container pouch 220. The flange 210 extends from the container pouch 220 toward and encompasses the mounting holes 212. The container assembly 200 is connected to the frame 20

at a position beneath the table top 100 by the plurality of frame members 30 being inserted through the mounting holes 212.

In our opinion, amended claim 1 is definite and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1, in our opinion, recites sufficient structure to define the claimed collapsible table which includes the frame, table top and container assembly that is positioned beneath the table top. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above-listed rejection of claim 1.

Claims 2-17 are dependent upon amended claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw any rejection of claims 2-17 based upon indefiniteness for the above-described reasons and their dependence upon amended claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-17 include allowable subject matter. As was discussed above, Applicants has amended claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's direction during the telephone interview and, in our opinion, amended claim 1 and claims 2-17 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 1-17, is in condition for allowance and such actions respectfully requested.

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